

15. (Twice Amended) A vehicle comprising:
a frame;
at least one ground contacting element suspended from the frame to provide an interface between the frame and ground;
a handlebar operatively connected to the ground contacting element to steer the vehicle;
a seat positioned on the frame; and
a windshield assembly mounted on the frame and including a windshield panel movable between an operative position and an inoperative position, and a coupling assembly between the handlebar and the windshield panel, said coupling assembly including at least one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between the operative position and the inoperative position, wherein said inoperative position includes a forward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from the seat and a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction toward the seat.

32. (Amended) A method for transporting a vehicle, the vehicle comprising a windshield assembly mounted on a frame of said vehicle and including a windshield panel, the method comprising:
loading the vehicle on a trailer;
pivoting the windshield panel from an operative position into an inoperative position, wherein said inoperative position includes a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from a windward side of said windshield panel such that the windshield panel is substantially horizontal; and
transporting said vehicle such that wind pressure on said windshield panel is substantially reduced.

35. (Amended) An all-terrain vehicle comprising:
a frame;
a pair of front wheels and a pair of rear wheels suspended from the frame;
an engine operatively coupled to provide motive force to at least one of the pair of front and rear wheels and selectively operable to provide motive force to both the front and rear pairs of wheels;

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a handlebar operatively connected to the front pair of wheels to steer the vehicle;
a straddle-type seat positioned on the frame;
a pair of footrests, one on each lateral side of the straddle-type seat; and
a windshield assembly mounted on the frame and including a windshield panel
movable between an operative position and an inoperative position, and a coupling assembly
between the handlebar and the windshield panel, said coupling assembly including at least
one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between the operative
position and the inoperative position, wherein said inoperative position includes a rearward
position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction
facing away from a windward side of said windshield panel, wherein the windshield panel is
substantially horizontal and adjacent the straddle-type seat such that wind pressure on said
windshield panel is substantially reduced during transport of the vehicle.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.

Please add the following new claims 37-42:

- Sub 37. (New) A windshield assembly comprising:
a windshield panel movable between an operative position and an inoperative
position; and
a coupling assembly coupled to said windshield panel, said coupling assembly
including at least one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between
the operative position and the inoperative position,
wherein said inoperative position includes a forward position in which the windshield
panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing a windward side of said
windshield panel and a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the
operative position in a direction facing away from the windward side of said windshield
panel, and
wherein said coupling assembly includes a first end defining a mounting bracket and a
second end defining a pivot point about which the windshield panel pivots, [wherein said
second end includes ratchet washers that allow one-way movement only.]
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38. (New) A windshield assembly comprising:

a windshield panel movable between an operative position and an inoperative position;

a coupling assembly coupled to said windshield panel, said coupling assembly including at least one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between the operative position and the inoperative position,

wherein said inoperative position includes a forward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing a windward side of said windshield panel and a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from the windward side of said windshield panel; and

[a handguard element connected to said windshield panel.]

39. (New) The windshield assembly according to claim 38, wherein said handguard element includes a central portion and a pair of hand protecting members integrally extending from opposite sides of said central portion.

40. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of wheels suspended from the frame;

a handlebar operatively connected to the wheels to steer the vehicle;

a seat positioned on the frame; and

a windshield assembly mounted on the frame and including a windshield panel movable between an operative position and an inoperative position, and a coupling assembly between the handlebar and the windshield panel, said coupling assembly including at least one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between the operative position and the inoperative position, wherein said inoperative position includes a forward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from the seat and a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction toward the seat, wherein

said coupling assembly includes a first end defining a mounting bracket and a second end defining a pivot point about which the windshield panel pivots and [said second end includes ratchet washers that allow one-way movement only.]

41. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of wheels suspended from the frame;

a handlebar operatively connected to the wheels to steer the vehicle;

a seat positioned on the frame;

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a windshield assembly mounted on the frame and including a windshield panel movable between an operative position and an inoperative position, and a coupling assembly between the handlebar and the windshield panel, said coupling assembly including at least one coupling member that enables said windshield panel to move between the operative position and the inoperative position, wherein said inoperative position includes a forward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from the seat and a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction toward the seat; and

{ a handguard element connected to said windshield panel. }

42. (New) The vehicle according to claim 41, wherein said handguard element includes a central portion and a pair of hand protecting members integrally extending from opposite sides of said central portion.